

HEALTHCARE INTERPRETATIONS TASK FORCE INTERPRETATION

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Code: NFPA 101, Section 1-3.13.2; 1997 Edition

Background: Section 1-3.13.2 of the 1997 Code states that existing life safety features, such as, but not limited to, automatic sprinkler, fire alarm, and standpipe systems, and horizontal exits, if not required by the code, either shall be maintained or removed. Section 4.6.12.2 of the 2000 Code now refers to existing life features 'obvious to the public', if not required by the Code, shall be either maintained or removed.

Question: Must non-required smoke dampers, fire dampers, or combination fire/smoke dampers, that are not obvious to the public, be maintained or removed?

Answer: NO